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See 37 CFR 1.27.
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  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
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  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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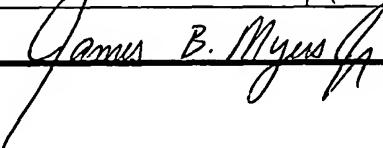
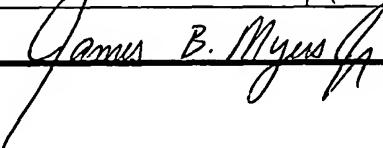
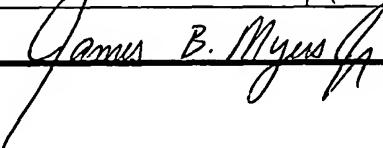
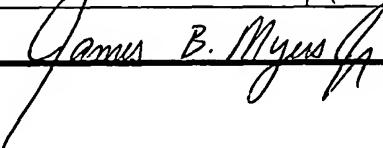
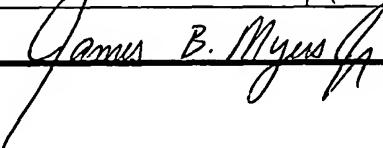
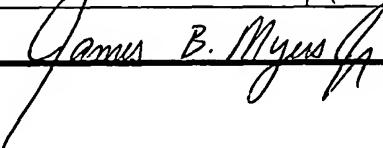
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